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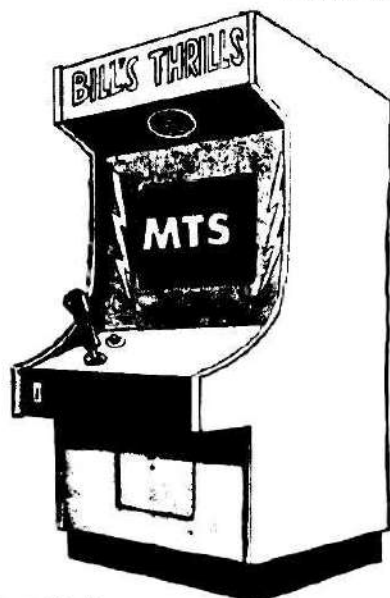


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Dear CRACKEDman,

A friend of mine just came back from visiting San Francisco, California. While there he played a game of Asteroids and said he saw my initials (MTS) on the highest game scores!! I've had other friends say they saw my initials in Philadelphia, Pa., Phoenix, Arizona and Spokane, Washington when they visited these cities . . . It can't be!! I've never even visited these cities!! What gives?

Mark T. Smith
Utica, N.Y.



Dear Mark,

Something funny's going on! I got similar letters from Michael T. Sparda, Mitch T. Sanders, and Mickey T. Samuels!!

Dear CRACKEDman,

My friend Walter and I have a bet going . . . He says, other than Pac-Man, Centipede is the most popular video game . . . I say it's Defender. Which is it?

Eddie Scanlon
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Eddie,

Sorry, Walter's definitely right. It's Centipede.

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Dear CRACKEDman,

Can you settle a bet for me? I say Centipede is a more popular video game than Pac-Man. My friend Eddie says Defender is. Who's right?

Walter Thurber
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Walter,

Sorry, Eddie's right - Defender is.

Dear CRACKEDman,

My brother yesterday went to a local video arcade with 4 quarters in hand . . . After blowing the first 3 quarters on Donkey Kong, he decided to spend his last 25¢ on Deluxe Space Invaders . . . I kid you not, he is still playing the same game today, 26½ hours later, as I write this letter!!!



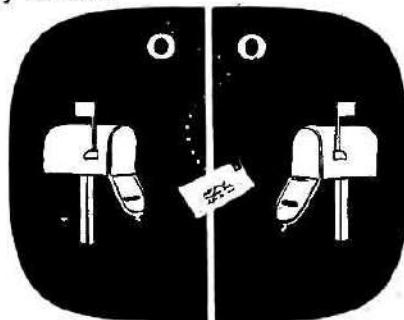
Cal Etchebarren
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Cal,

Talk about stretching a dollar!!

Dear CRACKEDman,

I have always wanted to see my name on your lettuce page, but never had anything worthwhile to write about. Now I do . . . This year I have spent exactly 4,850 quarters on video games!! Now, I hope to see my name!!!

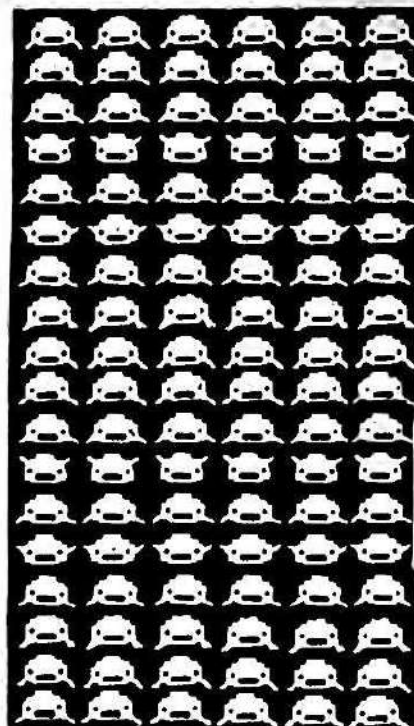


Jimmy Tomishooski
Parma, Ohio

Dear Jimmy,

You should have spent your quarters on 1,212½ issues of this video edition . . . then, you could have seen your name 1,212½ times!!

Dear CRACKEDman,
Blip . . . beep . . . boop . . . bee-
deep beedeep . . . beedledeebeep
. . . de beep . . . boop . . . !!



Phil Digiglio
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Phil,

I agree, you have been playing too many video games.

Dear CRACKEDman,

I know the pattern for Ms. Pac-Man and want to let your readers in on it. First you go up, then this way a little, then, cut sharply this way, then, the other way, but not too far, now down . . . keep going, keep going, now go this way, . . . now up! . . . Now, back the other way . . . now down . . . now this way . . .

Roger Boone
Ezzard, Texas

Dear Roger,

I was going to ask you where Ezzard, Texas was . . . but never mind! . . .

Dear CRACKEDman,

I play Pac-Man a lot, and every time I do, all the gobbling gives me the urge to burp. My question is, is it bad manners to burp after a game of Pac-Man?

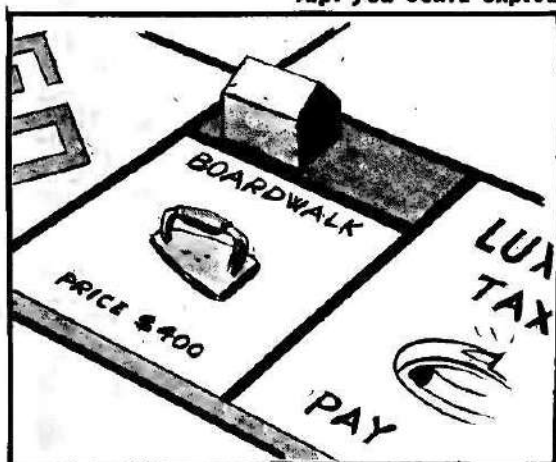
Luis Vincents
San Jose, California

Dear Luis,

Generally, it is bad video etiquette to burp after Pac-Man. If you must, however, wander over to a loud video game, like Defender, Missile Attack or Tempest, so no one hears you.

Dear CRACKEDman,
 Whatever happened to sitting
 around a table and playing a good
 old fashioned board game? I say
 bring back Monopoly!

Stuart Masterman
 Gary, Indiana

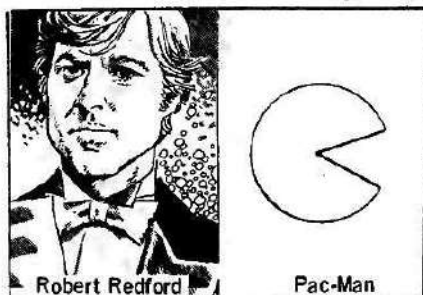


Dear Stuart,
 Great idea! We could have an el-
 ectronic community chest that opens
 - and special sound effects when
 you advance to GO. Boardwalk could
 have little video characters strolling
 along it and whenever you go bank-
 rupt you could explode and . . .

Dear CRACKEDman,

Now that they have video games
 you can play on your own TV, I'm
 waiting for video games you can
 play at the movie theatre!! Imagine
 playing Pac-Man on the giant screen
 at the drive-in movie!!?

Tim Murphy
 Rockaway, N.Y.



Dear Tim,
 That'd be fine with John Severin,
 our movie satire artist . . . It's a
 lot easier drawing Pac-Man than
 drawing Robert Redford or Sylvester
 Stallone.



Dear CRACKEDman,

I drive a 5-speed stick-shift car
 and also play a lot of Frogger, Pac-
 Man and Donkey Kong . . . Every
 once in a while I'll forget that I'm
 driving and think I'm handling a
 joystick. I've ended up on a one
 way street (the wrong way), on a
 neighbor's lawn, and on a golf
 course!! I think I've got a problem!

Bo Samples

Pierre, South Dakota

Dear Bo,

You do indeed! How do you get
 to the video game room? Do you
 start out going to the beach?

Dear CRACKEDman,

AFTER PLAYING ALL DAY IN
 ONE OF THOSE NOISY VIDEO
 ROOMS I'M HAVING TROUBLE
 HEARING! KNOW WHAT I MEAN?!!

Buck Fonnah
 Olean, N.Y.



Dear Buck,
 You don't have to write so loud!
 I can READ you!!

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A CRACKED Review of Popular Video Games



PAC-MAN™

CRACKED EXPERT DESCRIPTION: For some weird reason, this yellow circle (that looks like a smile button without a face) goes around eating dots (not doughnuts, or hot dogs or spaghetti or anything else that tastes good, but dots! Yuch!) Why he eats dots we'll never know! Anyway these different colored lumps with nicknames (Winky, Dinky, Dancer, Prancer and Blitzen, I think) chase after the yellow circle except when he eats a blinking dot, in which case the lumps all turn blue and he eats them! (I've never in my life eaten anything blue - especially anything blue that's moving!) Anyway, he's in this maze and never really gets anywhere . . . All he does is eat!

EXPERT ADVICE: 1. If you see a fruit or pretzel appear, eat them! At least they've got some niacins and vitamins, unlike the dots. 2. Know the pattern - You can get big scores by knowing the pattern . . . Unfortunately, I don't know it so you'll have to find it out some other way.

MS. PAC-MAN™

CRACKED EXPERT DESCRIPTION: This is just like Pac-Man, except that the Avon lady called and the little yellow circle is forced to wear make-up and a dumb-looking bow. Unfortunately for it, its taste in food is the same - dots - without even any ketchup on the side to kill the tastell Yuch again! There are fruits and vegetables but here they move around (fast foods). Note: If you notice Ms. Pac-Man eating pickles and ice cream, she is pregnant, and you'll soon be seeing Junior Pac-Man everywhere!

EXPERT ADVICE: Pretend you're like most women you know (your girlfriend, your sister, your mom, etc.) They eat more than you, don't they! If you use this role reversal, you'll score consistently higher on Ms. Pac-Man than you do on Pac-Man!



SPACE INVADERS™

CRACKED EXPERT DESCRIPTION: These martians (they don't really look like martians, I've never seen a martian that looked like this in a movie - martians are supposed to be green with 5 eyes and antennas) are attacking you . . . and you just shoot them one by one . . . You'd think they'd split up and attack from different angles (aren't martians supposed to have super-intelligence?) but NO - they just march down and get blown up . . . You hide behind these walls that disintegrate and aren't any good after awhile anyway. Martians can shoot at you (but they don't even use any fancy laser disintegrators or anything - they just drop these boring bombs).

EXPERT ADVICE: Hit the button that shoots the invaders as often and as fast as you can! I suggest going to a scary movie, like "Alien", so your hand is shaking when you come out . . . Use that hand to work the button.



DEFENDER™

CRACKED EXPERT DESCRIPTION: There's this big control panel with maybe 500 buttons on it . . . There's Hyperspace; Thrust Fire, Up/Down, Reverse and a few others for ringing the butler, horizontal hold, windshield wipers, you name it! Your rocket ship has to blast all these little different colored things with weird names like Landers, Mutants, Swarms, Baiters and Pods . . . It's hard enough to remember the names let alone know what to do with them! These things come and take your humans from your city and you've got to shoot them and catch the falling human before he splats on the ground! Talk about circus stunts! Also, you can push the Smart Bomb button, which blows up everything in case you can't remember what to do next or your arms get exhausted.

EXPERT ADVICE: Invite 12 or 13 friends to play with you . . . Each one gets a button and hits it as many times as he can. Everyone wears earplugs . . . Flip a coin to see who gets to sign his initials when you win.



ASTEROIDS™

CRACKED EXPERT DESCRIPTION: The object of the game is to hit as many of the bent-out-of-shape shapes coming at the pointed little thing as possible . . . When you do, you make smaller bent-out-of-shape shapes, which when hit, make even smaller bent-out-of-shape shapes . . . When one of them hits the pointed thing, it bursts up into little lines. You can hyperspace (make your pointed thing reappear somewhere else) or put a shield around yourself so the big bad funny shapes don't get you . . .

EXPERT ADVICE: 1. Try and hit the flying saucers . . . they're worth more than the bent-out-of-shape shapes, plus at least you know what they are! They look like flying saucers. 2. Try closing your eyes and hitting all the buttons as often as possible.



DONKEY KONG™

CRACKED EXPERT DESCRIPTION: I kept waiting for the donkey to show up but there's not one to be found in the whole game! There's a gorilla that captures a girl and climbs up a tower and this little Italian guy (probably a janitor) climbs ladders and chases after him . . . The gorilla drops barrels on him, and oil cans. But the janitor can grab a hammer and smash the barrels with it (even though there's some perfectly good molasses or beer in there he's probably ruining). When the janitor makes it to the top of the tower, the gorilla falls off and the guy kisses the girl and lives happily ever after until the next gorilla shows up . . . Then the poor guy has to start all over again!!

EXPERT ADVICE: Have the janitor hold onto the hammer, instead of using it on the dumb barrels. When he gets to the top, have him smash the gorilla's toes so he won't reappear again since he'll be in traction at the hospital!



FROGGER™

CRACKED EXPERT DESCRIPTION: There's this river with logs and alligators and turtles in it right next to a six-lane highway (I know, it sounds pretty far-fetched). Anyway, there's a frog that's got to cross the highway and hop across this river by jumping on the logs and alligators and turtle backs . . . This highway's kind of strange too, because there's Indianapolis 500 racing cars on it!!! . . . So this stupid frog (why bother crossing all this stuff and risk becoming frog pudding!) has to watch out for alligators, snakes, and cute little otters who eat him. Some turtles dive under the water on him too. If he lands on one of these, he croaks. He also gets extra points for eating flies (I'd want extra points for eating a fly too!! Bleeecchh!!)

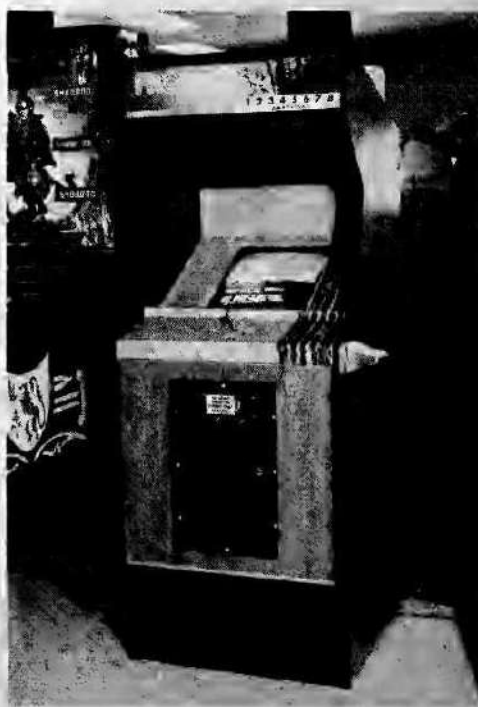
EXPERT ADVICE: Do not try to jump on the backs of the cars and dodge the logs. You will lose.



CENTIPEDE™

CRACKED EXPERT DESCRIPTION: There's this mushroom patch and this centipede is wriggling through it and also there's worms and fleas and other crawly things making their way down. You've got to try and shoot the head off the centipede and then shoot the rest of the parts of his body . . . The whole thing is disgusting! Really gross!! Yecchhh! It just makes you want to itch!!!

EXPERT ADVICE: It takes so long shooting each part of the centipede one by one . . . Can't they come up with a video can of Raid or a giant foot that would come down and stomp out the creepy little things!! C'mon video company, get with it!!



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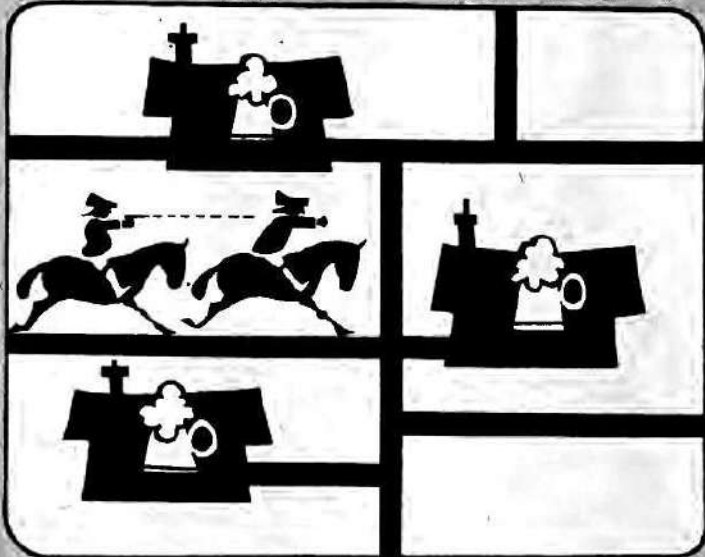
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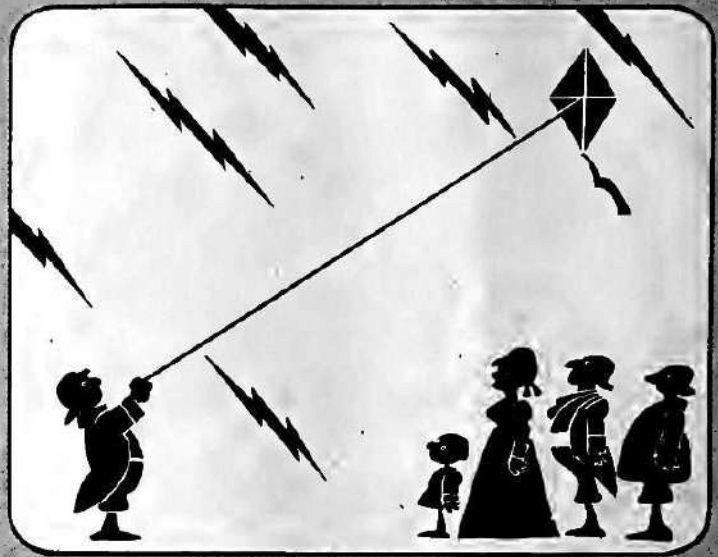
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of today's youth. True to the adage of 'if you can't
day when students will be studying history and

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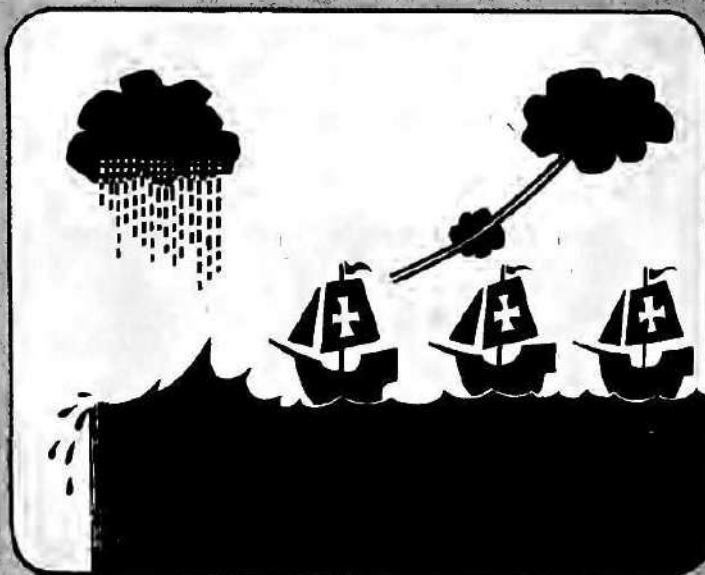
THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL REVERE

Player must maneuver Paul safely to Concord while avoiding British pursuers, wrong turns in the road, and taverns that feature a "happy hour".



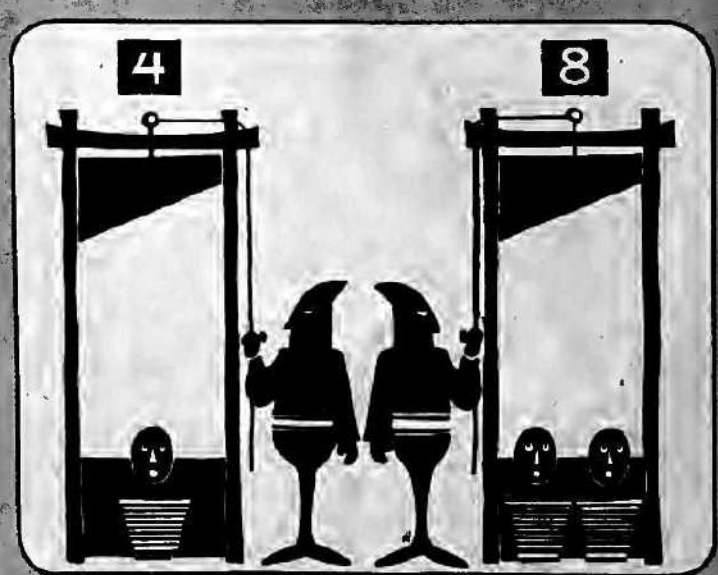
BEN FRANKLIN'S DISCOVERY OF ELECTRICITY

Object of game is to avoid being hit by lightning, having kite string broken, or being carted off to the loony bin by puzzled bystanders.



COLUMBUS DISCOVERS AMERICA

Student must steer his three vessels through rains, past high seas, and fierce winds without falling off the edge of the world.

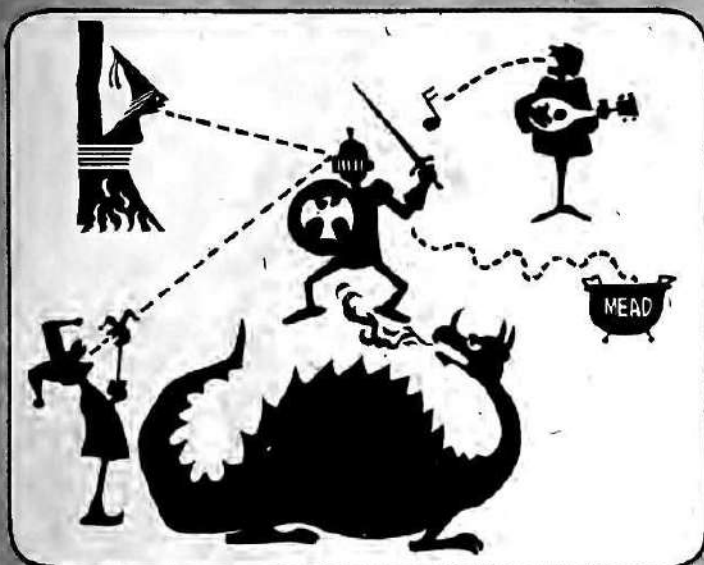


FRENCH REVOLUTION

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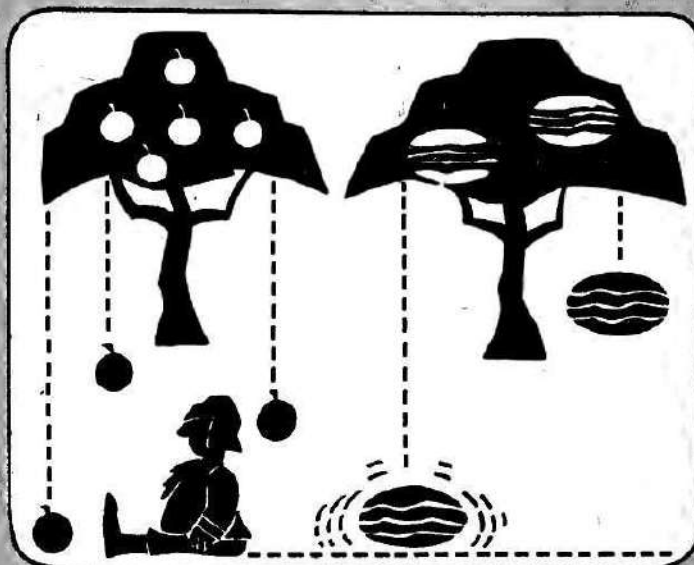
the way video games have captured the minds lick 'em you join 'em', CRACKED foresees the other subjects electronically as . . .

GO TO SCHOOL



THE DARK AGES

Knight player is subjected to one demoniac ordeal after another: •Countless dragons •Untold damsels in distress •Off-key madrigal singers •Stale-joke jesters •Rotgut mead



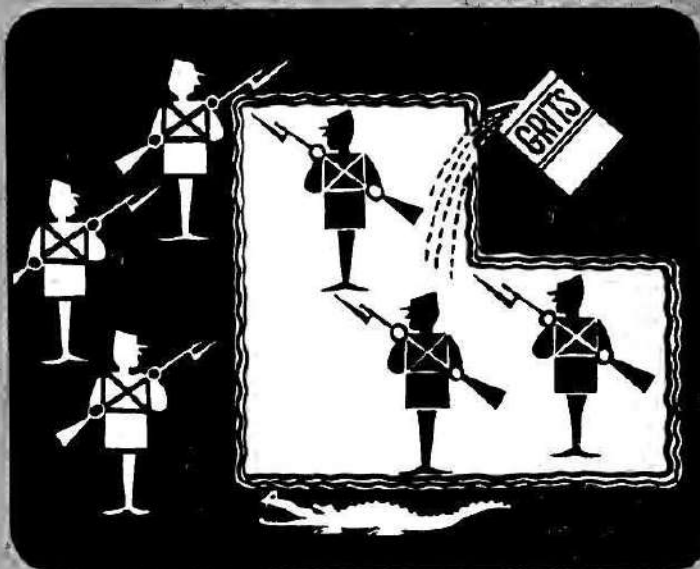
NEWTON'S LAW OF GRAVITY

Unlike other video games player deliberately tries to get hit by falling missiles from apple tree. Player is eliminated if he tries to prove the law of gravity by sleeping under the watermelon tree.



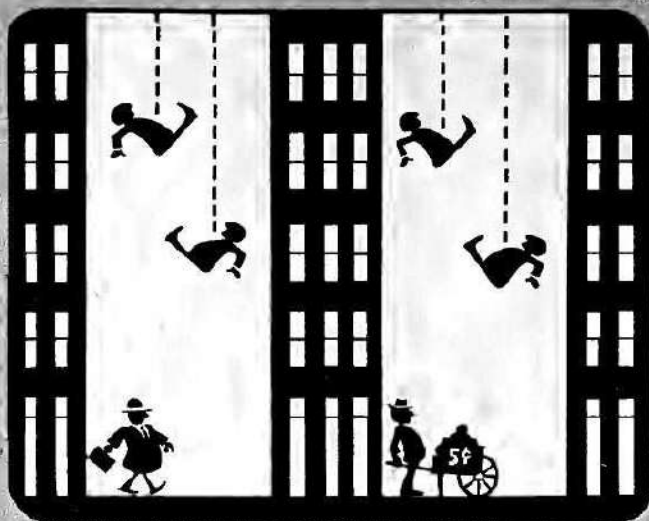
ADMIRAL PEARY DISCOVERS NORTH POLE

Like Admiral Peary player must head for North Pole while staying clear of blizzards, polar bears, and love-starved eskimo maidens.



MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA

Student must be able to maneuver his Union forces past Confederate Army, Okefenokee Swamps, and the worst rebel hazard of all — hominy grits.



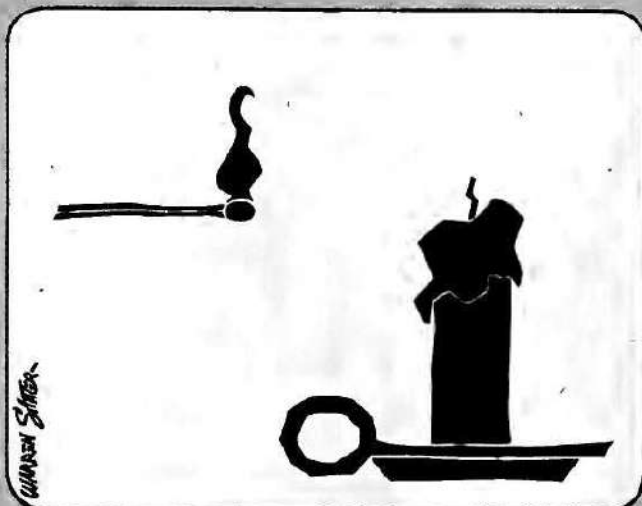
1929 STOCK MARKET CRASH

Player must maneuver along Wall Street while avoiding building-jumping stockbrokers and apple-selling panhandlers. Object of game is to find corner around which prosperity is located.



DECLINE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Player must somehow make it through the last desperate days despite: •Hun invaders •Lava-spewing Mt. Vesuvius •Shady used-chariot dealers •Toga-eating moths



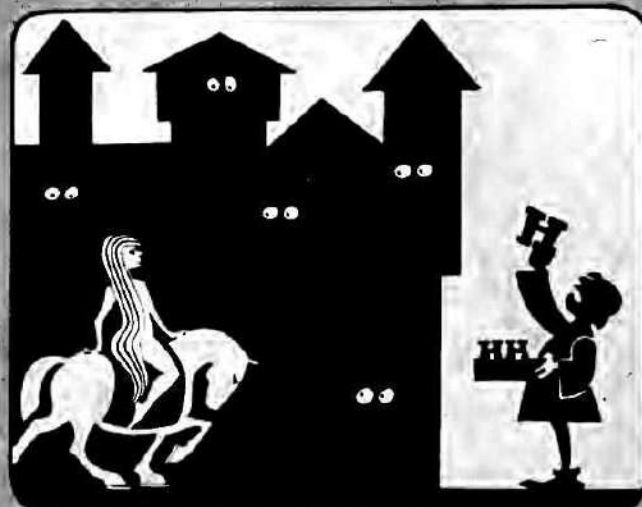
FIRST POWER FAILURE—1965

Student must bring match to candle. Game isn't as easy as it looks. Player must avoid the following unseen city hazards: six muggers, twelve open manhole covers, and untold piles of doggie-do.



DARWIN'S THEORY OF EVOLUTION

Student must rearrange various creatures in the proper order on the evolutionary scale. Hint: Modern man belongs somewhere between the Neanderthal Man and the gorilla.



LADY GODIVA'S FAMOUS RIDE

Student must be able to steer Lady Godiva through the streets of Coventry while avoiding peeping toms, cold germs, and binocular-selling vendors.



AMELIA EARHART'S SOLO FLIGHT

Student must pilot plane across Atlantic Ocean, avoid in-flight birds, inclement weather, all the while listening to the banter, "It can't be done by a woman...."

And now,
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of EVANGELINE,
RHYME OF THE
ANCIENT MARINER
and CASEY AT
THE BAT comes
yet another
epic poem to
join their ranks.
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**THE
BALLAD
OF
BOB
HAHN
AND
THE
VIDEO
GAME**

It was a quiet Sunday afternoon
In the Southerland County Mall,
Sears was having another sale
On robes and stoves and balls,
Into the mall walked Bobby Hahn,
A railroad track-fixing man.
He had simply come
with his girl, to buy
A two-speed portable fan.

As they walked past the Radio Shack
And the audio appliance store,
Bob paused in front of the
Video Game Room
As he heard the BLEEPs galore.



He walked around and paused a bit
Seeing Pac Man, Tron and the rest,
But when he spied DESTROYER FORCE
It caught his interest.

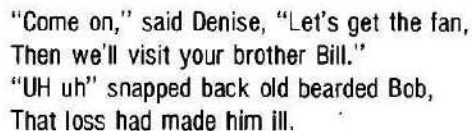
"I've played that game,"
he told Denise,
"and it's beaten me everytime.
So, I'm gonna take just
a minute out,
'Cause to beat it would be sublime."

So "CLINK" went that quarter hungry
video game

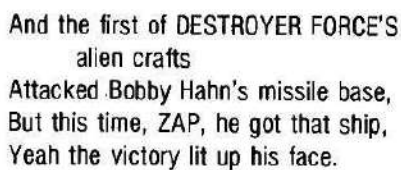
As the coin fell deep in its chest,
And Bob limbered up his hard-working hands,
And then the buttons he began to press.



There was a BLIP and a BLEEP
as the ships attacked
And a BAM as the game destroyed
Each of Bobby Hahn's commando ships,
And the one marked just DECOY.
And the mournful words that he hated to see
"GAME OVER" flashed on the screen,
In just 21 seconds that guy had been beat,
Yes, Bob Hahn, he had been creamed.



And DESTROYER FORCE took another gulp
As the second of Bob's quarters fell
into the belly of this here video beast,
Oh, this next game was gonna be hell.



And BLIP and BLAM he shot
'em down,
The bearded Bob was really hot now.
Suddenly, BLIP, "BONUS" lit up,
A free 40 seconds, "Oh wow!"



Denise watched as her man got the knack,
He was rippin' through the enemy now,
About 2 full minutes of fighting had passed.
She wiped the hot sweat from his brow.
Then ZING and WHOOSH and BLOP and BLIP,
More bonuses Bob did rack,
Ten minutes on that same quarter he'd played
When he cried, "Denise! Scratch my back!"
And a couple of guys who had wanted to play
This DESTROYER FORCE video game,
Now stopped worrying when their turn would come,
And began rooting for Bob by his name.



And ZING and WHOOSH and ZERRR and GLERK,
 More bonuses flashed on the screen.
 An hour had passed, then two, then three,
 Just like something straight out of a dream.
 WHIRL and WHOOSH and GLINK and BAM,
 The aliens fell by the score
 And the video game got angrier now
 And began shooting back even more.



"Now don't disturb him," Denise cried out,
 "He wants to play for as long as he can.
 And I've talked to the owner of this here place,
 He's a very considerate man.
 He's gonna let Bob play until he drops
 Or 'til DESTROYER FORCE finally wins.
 Whooh! Pardon me now, but it's time to feed
 My Bob another sour gherkin."

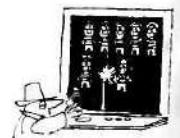


By his sixth hour, the crowds had grown
 As Denise fed Bob through a straw.
 And then, suddenly, a hush came over the room
 As the media walked in through the door.



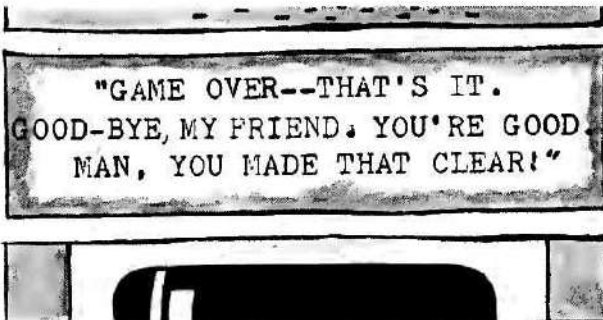
And the clock ticked away 'til the next morn came,
 Though you couldn't see the sun in the store.
 And BLIP and BLAM and ZRING and ZAN,
 Bob ran up the bonus some more.

Then Denise called up the railroad line
 And spoke to Bob's grumpy boss.
 She couldn't say he was just playing
 a game,
 So she lied and she said, "Bob's hoarse.
 Bob regrets that he just can't come
 to work,
 But he'll be back as quick as he can."
 "Now don't lie to me," screamed back
 his boss.
 "I saw Bob on the live mini-cam.
 Right there on the news I saw my boy
 Playing that video game,
 But tell 'im I'll forgive 'im just a
 little bit
 If he manages to mention my name."





For 43 hours old Bob did play
When suddenly on the screen,
The video game launched a supership
And blew him to smithereens.

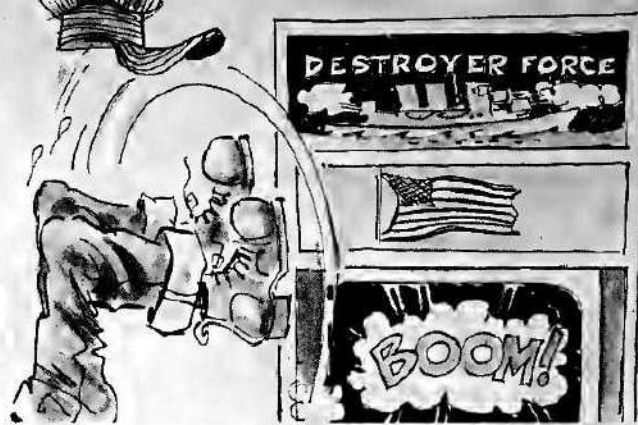


Yup for 43 hours our Bob had played
The DESTROYER FORCE video game,
And he became a local hero of sorts
As on the screen he jotted his name.



He just climbed in his van and
drove onto work
And proclaimed "All those games,
they're just dumb."
For you see, what really ended his
playing days
Was that Bob developed VIDEO THUMB.

So if you want some advice stay away
from those games
They'll just swallow your quarters
like that,
Do something better with your dollars,
show a little more sense,
Buy a bike or a book or a CRACKED!



Silence fell. No more BLEEPS or BLIPS,
Then on the screen did appear:
"GAME OVER--THAT'S IT. GOOD-BYE, MY FRIEND.
YOU'RE GOOD. MAN, YOU MADE THAT CLEAR!"



"So tell us," asked one of the TV crews,
"Will you be playing this game again
soon?"
"Maybe" answered Bob to the crowd,
"but first,
I'd like to find the MEN'S ROOM."

Then Bob and Denise left the
Southerland Mall
Without buying the two-speed fan,
And we'll tell you something you
may not believe,
But he never played another game again.



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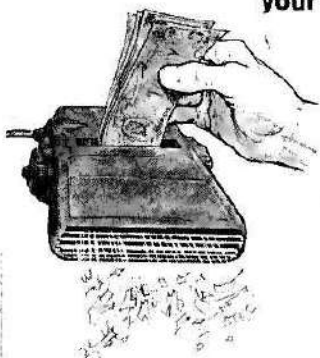
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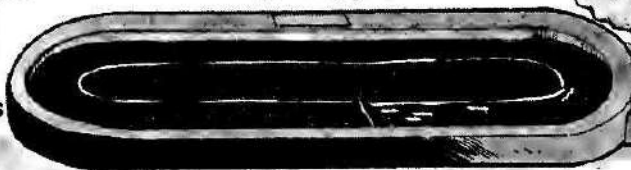
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Ship ahoy had good effort in last outing

Bold Fritz fades in backstretch

Clown Oakie best longshot



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A sure thing at \$34⁹⁹



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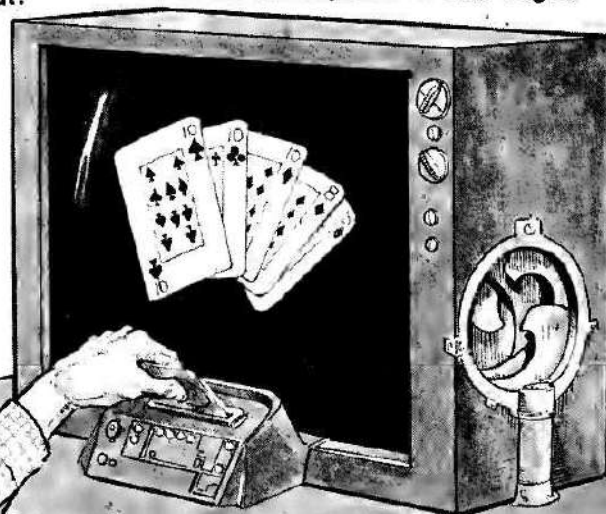
The game that's an odds-on-favorite not to crap out!

Game actually recreates the flashing neon lights and smoke-filled room atmosphere of Las Vegas

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- CRAPS
- BUBBLEGUM CARD FLIPPING

When player defaults on his gambling debts, he inserts arm in here and it will be broken 'Vegas-Style'.



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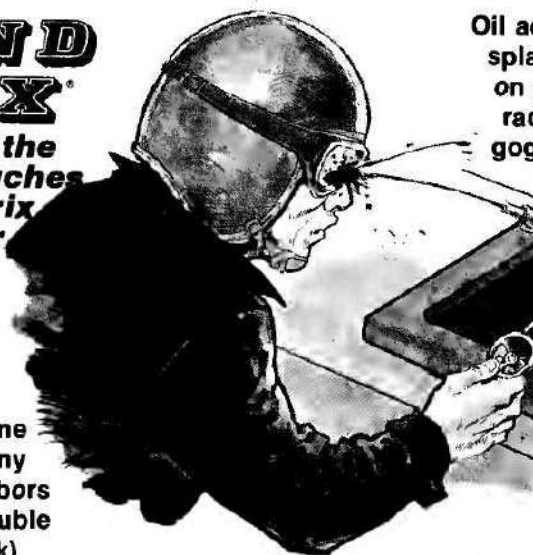
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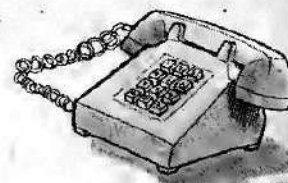
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Ear-splitting engine sounds accompany each race (If neighbors don't complain, double your money back)



Oil actually splatters on your racing goggles

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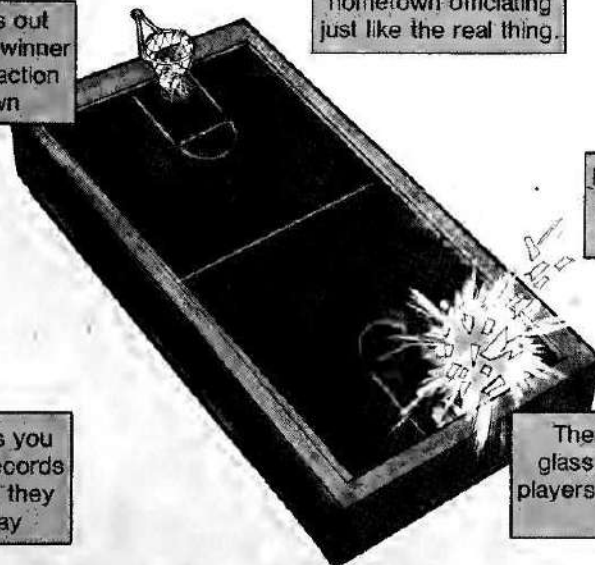
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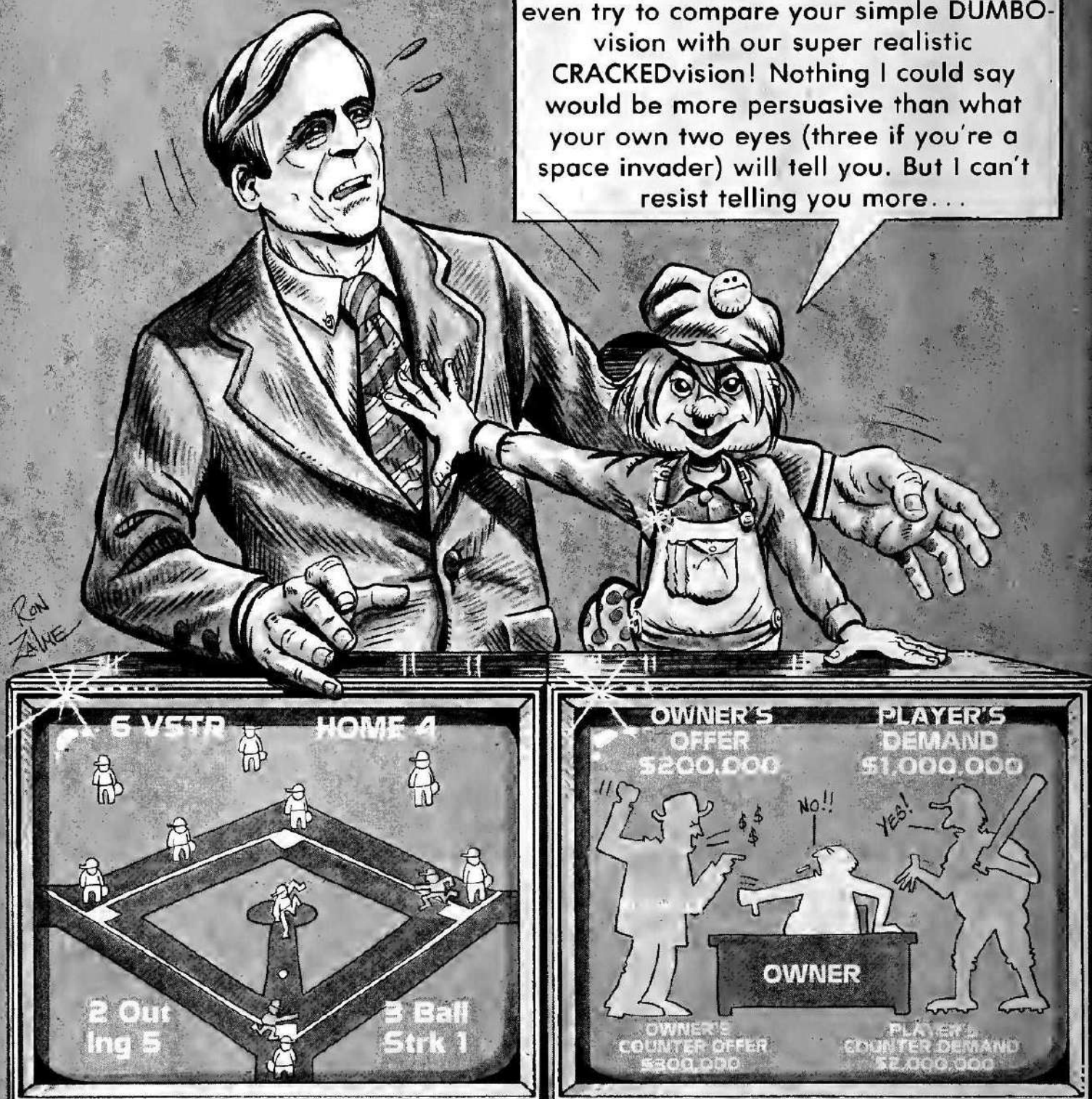


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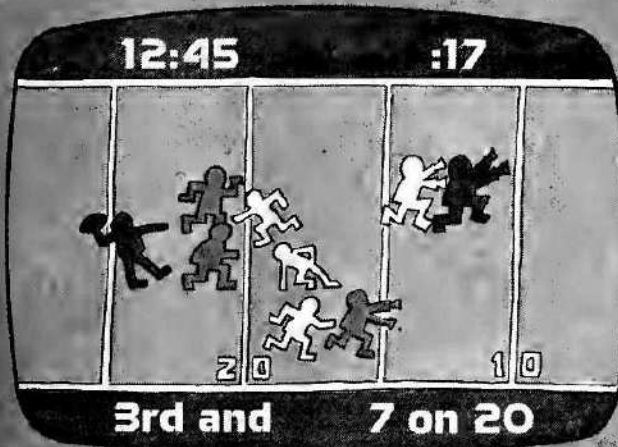
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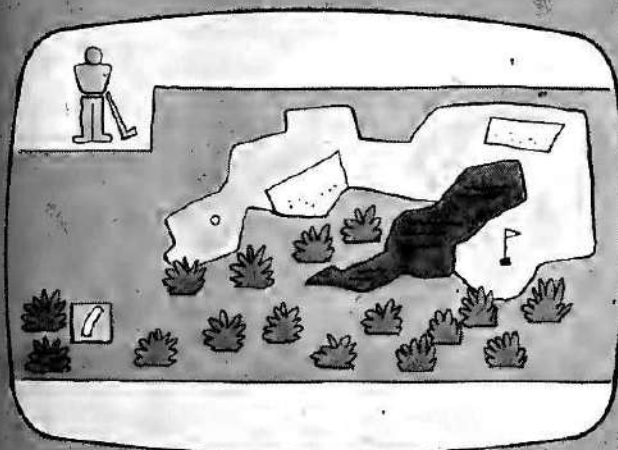
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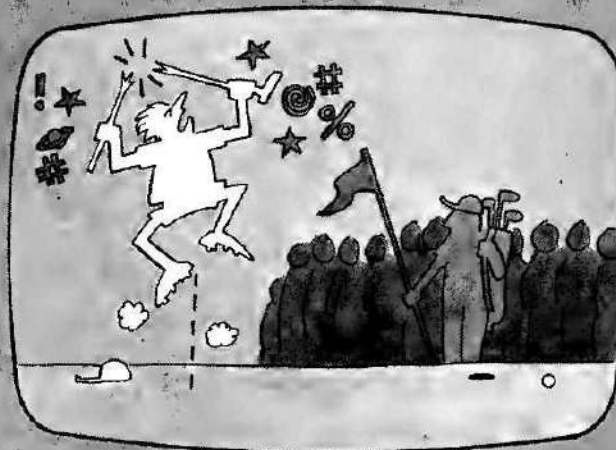
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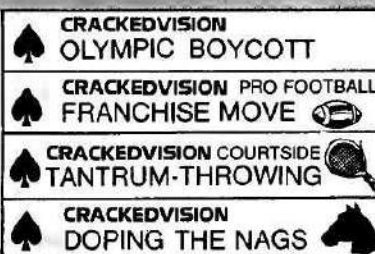
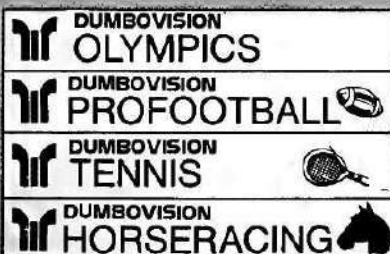
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UNINSPIRING

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THE REAL THING

DOUBLE YAWN



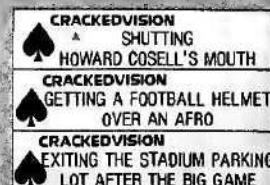
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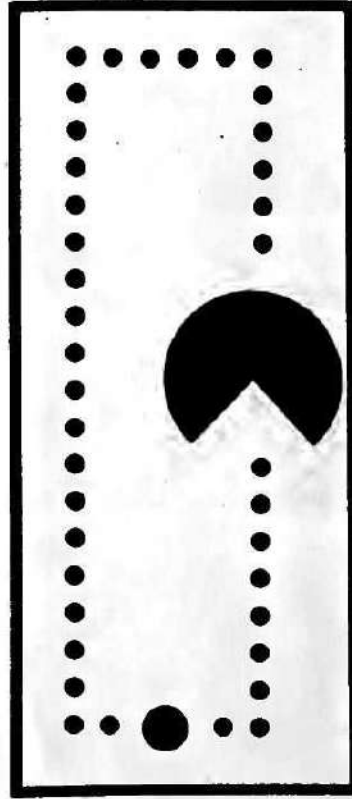


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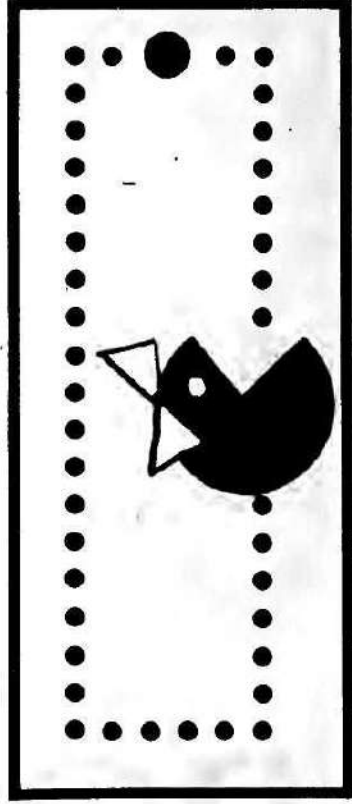
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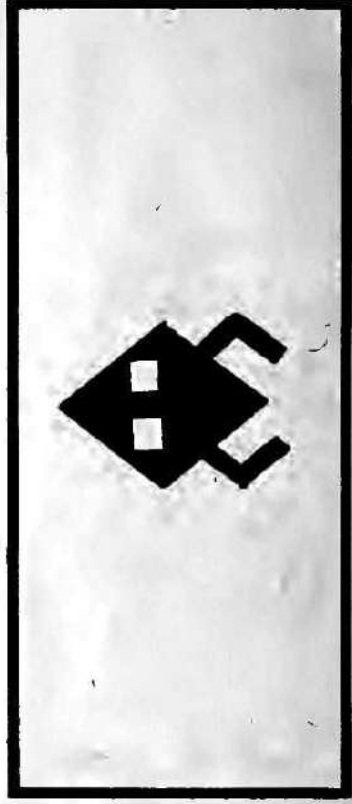
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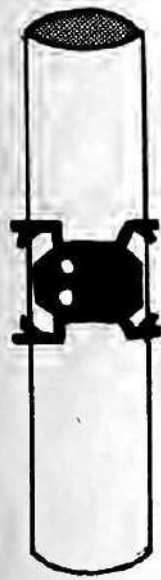


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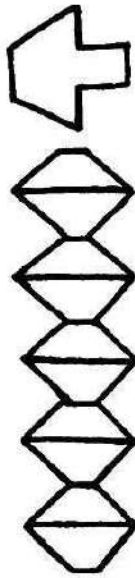
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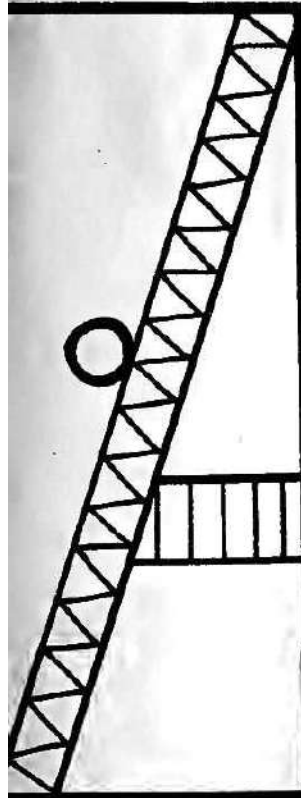
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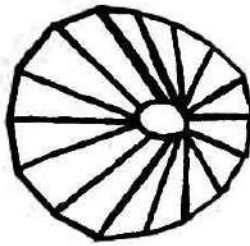
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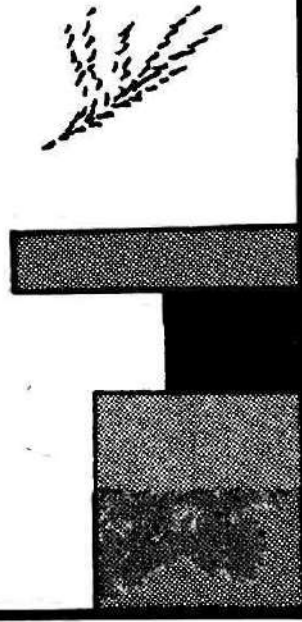
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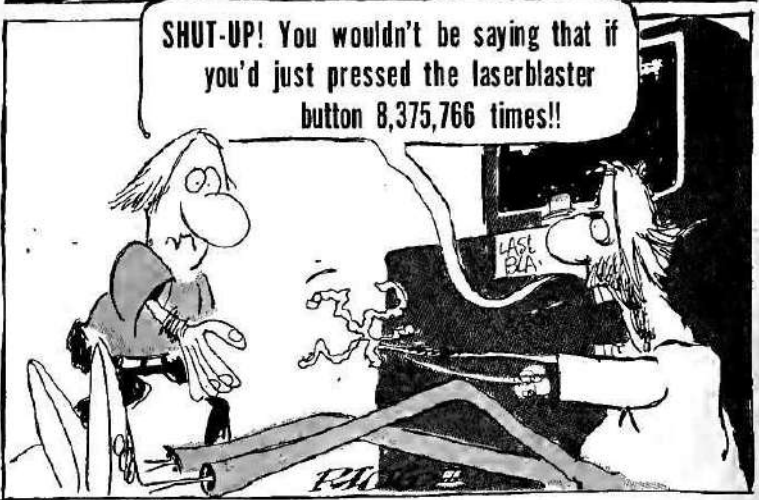
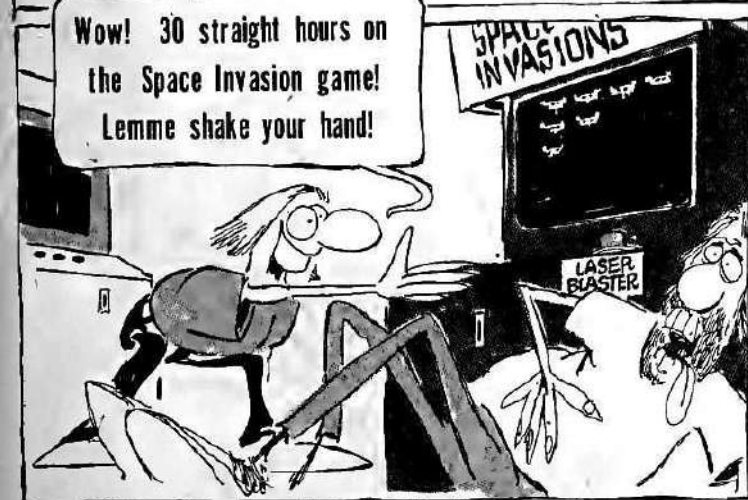
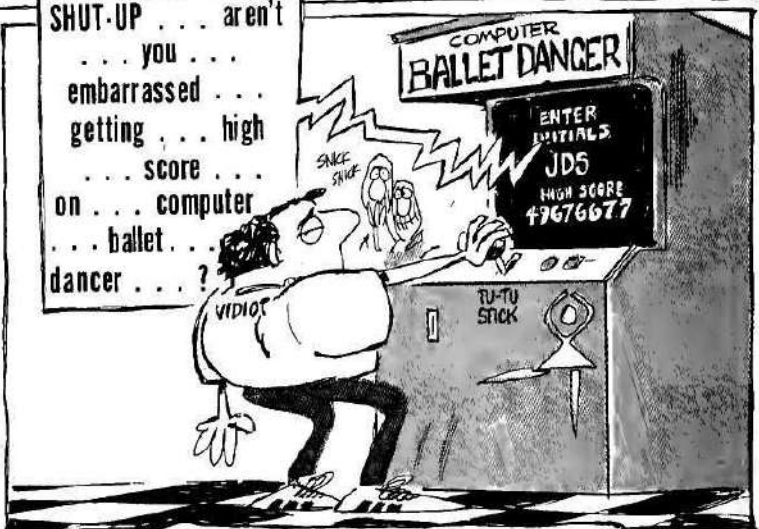
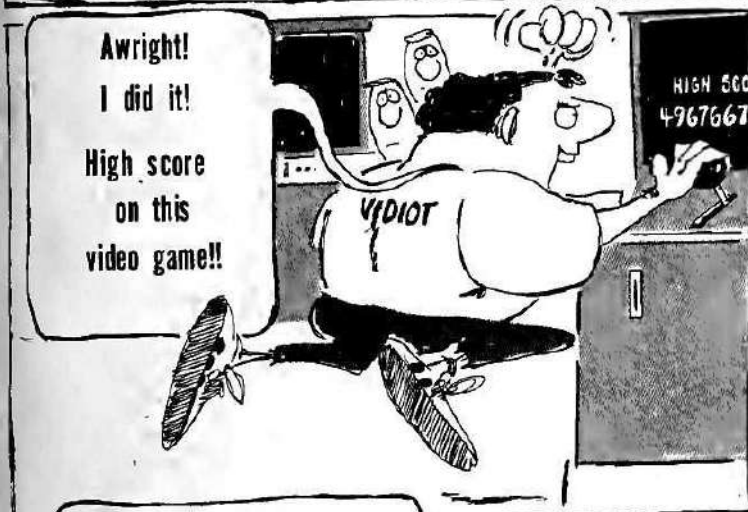
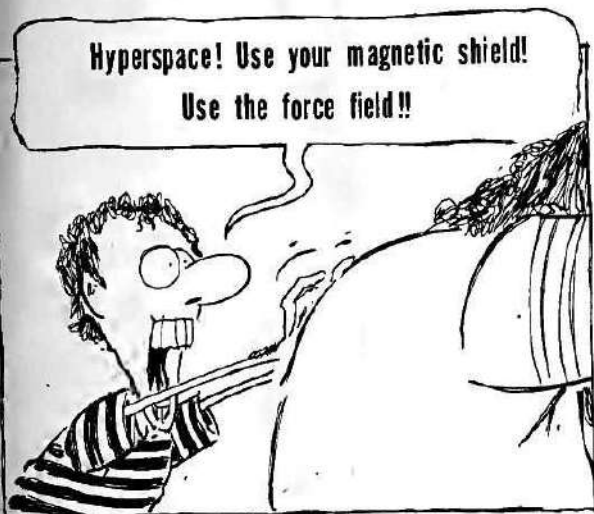
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK MADNESS

Walking one block through Times Square without fainting.

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Avoiding what the economy has in store for the little people during the next decade.



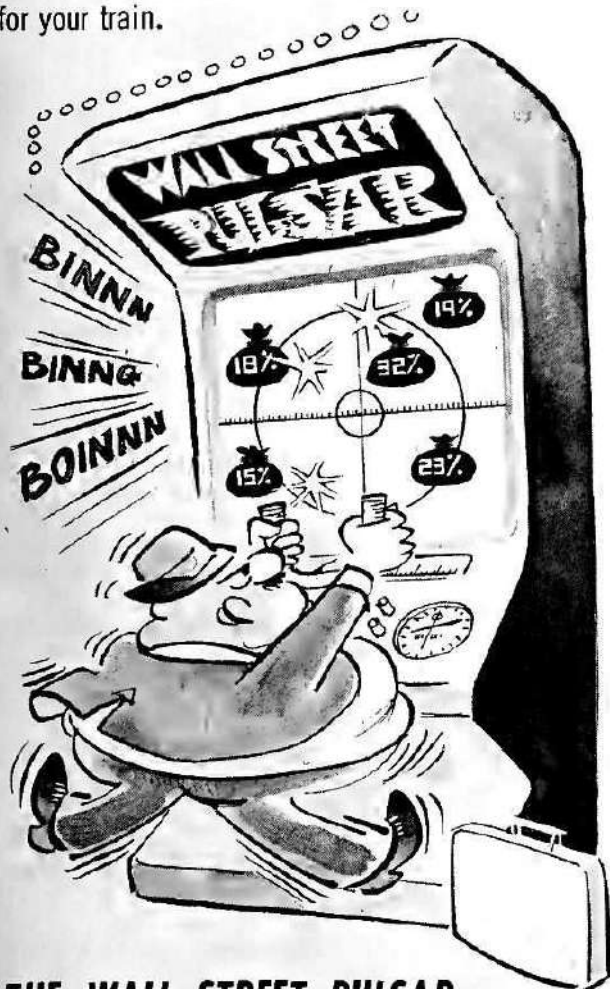
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Taking a ride in any subway line and not waiting for more than one hour, 45 minutes for your train.



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Throwing the trash can to the right place without missing.



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Figuring the right interest rate for you next home mortgage.



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Running without stomping into one of these doggie do's.



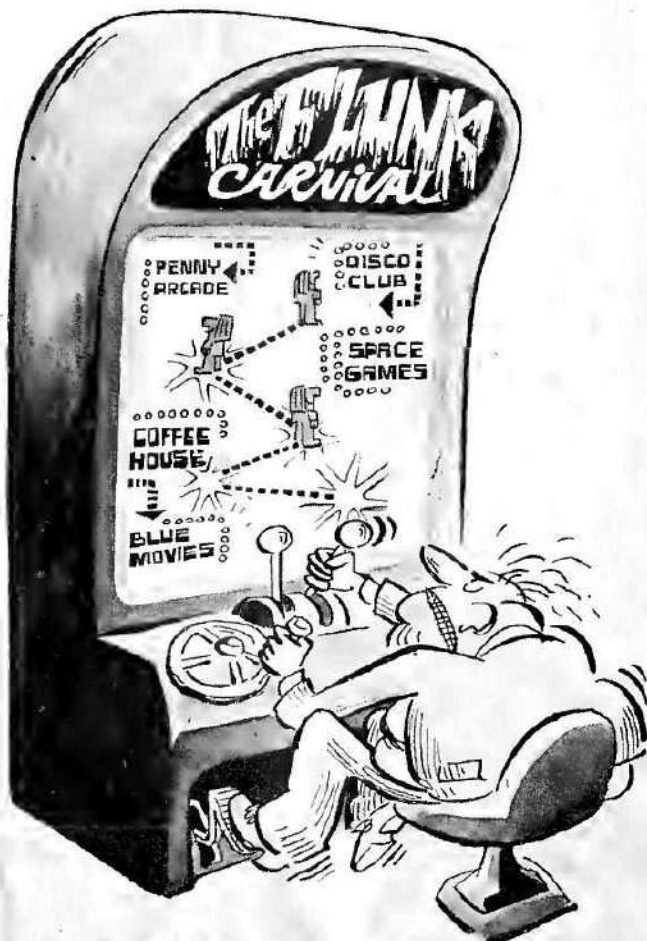
LITTLE WOMAN GARAGE ODYSSEY

Pulling the car into the garage without smashing either of them.



THE SUNSHINE BOYS STARGATE

Avoid entering an old folk's home.



THE FLUNK CARNIVAL

Monitoring where Junior is hanging around instead of studying for the finals.

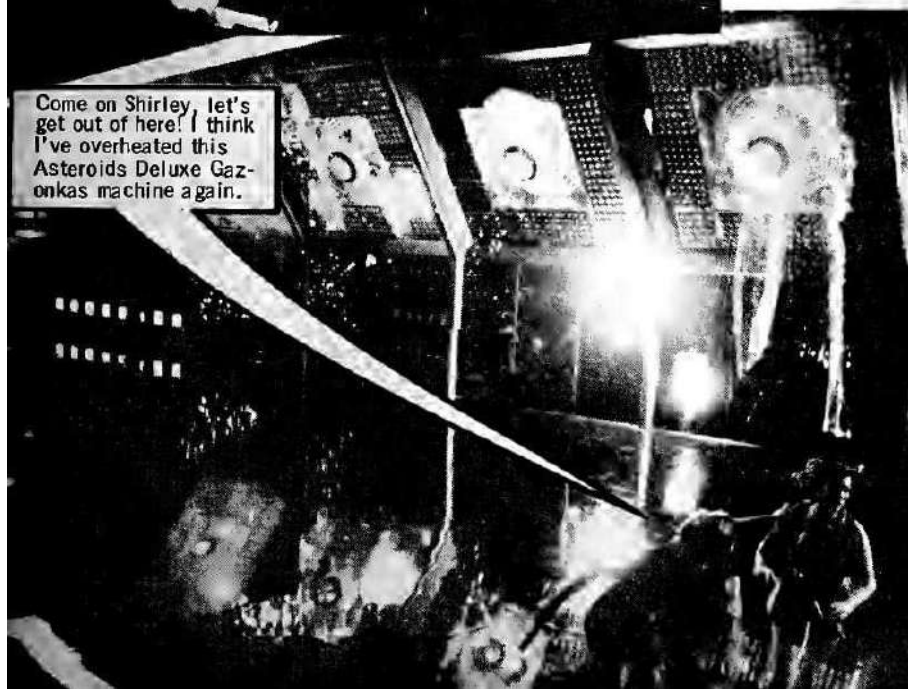


ARK OF THE EMPTY HOPES

Finding an unending flow of cash so the kids can continue playing these multibillion dollar space games.



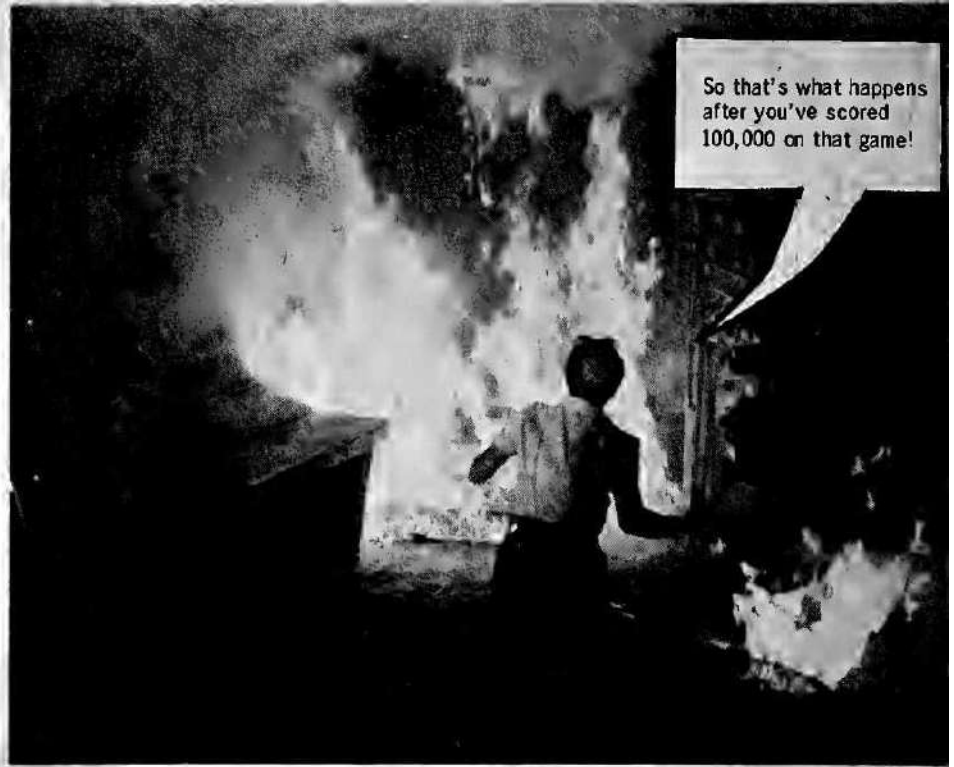
THE CRACKED VIDEO GAME LENS



I told you to use
your Smart Bomb.
You blew up on
re-entry.



So that's what happens
after you've scored
100,000 on that game!



First you wouldn't get me a Hot Wheels!
Then you denied me a Rubick's Cube and
now no video set. I never had one fad
item to brag about to my friends.
You're ruining me!

And by saying too much
you're making the caption
over this photo way too
big. Now shut-up!



Officer, that's the quarter he
took off the machine I was
playing. I'd know it anywhere
- it has a picture of George
Washington on it.





So how do I tell my mother she's not getting a birthday present because I played Ms. Pac-Man 132 times?

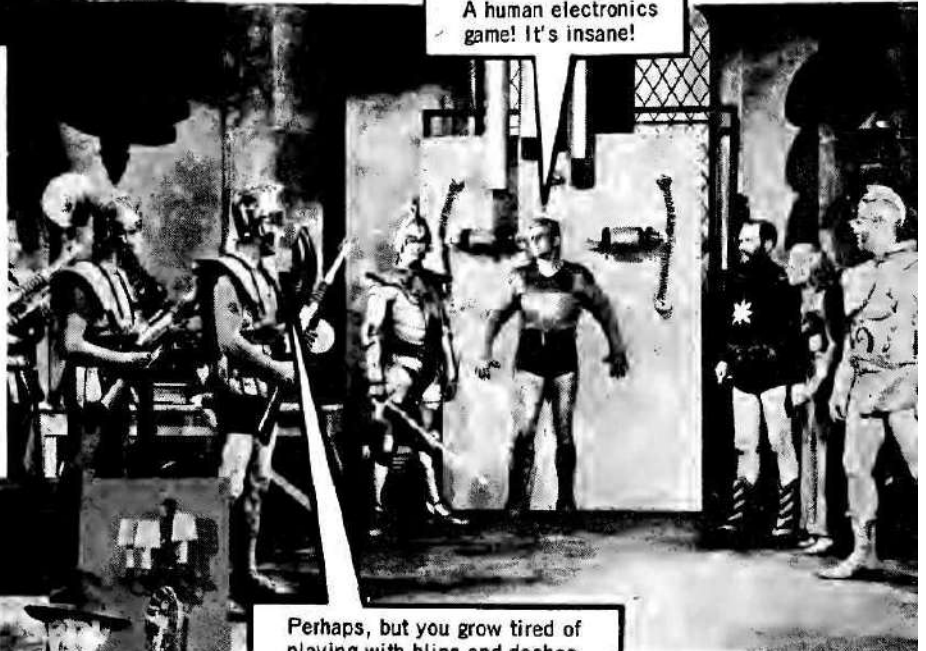
This is why you didn't get any bonus points playing Frogger. See, this game guide says you gotta avoid the cars . . . not go after them!



A human electronics game! It's insane!

What's with him?

His wife just called and told him his 4-year-old daughter beat his all time high in Missile Command.



Perhaps, but you grow tired of playing with blips and dashes after awhile.



YEA !!!

And starting next semester, we're removing the 6 Prune Danish Vending Machines from the cafeteria and putting video games in their place.





I know you lost a quarter in the machine, but I need a key to get it. That won't do.



You know, Mrs. Meyers, it's dam inconsiderate of you! We're trying to watch your family play SPACE INVADERS. Why do you draw your shades?



Hey, don't be so nervous! We're just looking for a DONKEY KONG machine.



No problem young lady, it's just a typical case of video finger. Here let me straighten it back out for you.



I wish they'd get another game console in this deli. I'm tired of waiting in line 4 hours just to play one game.



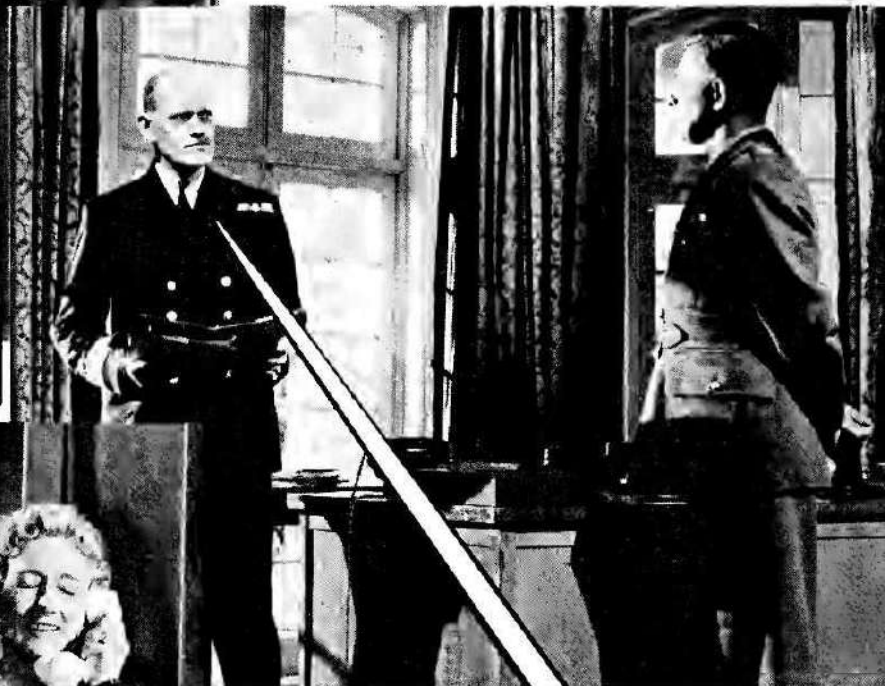
This, gentlemen is a perfect example of why we should close the video arcade in the P.X.



And if you follow this diagram throughout the game, you can easily score over 10,000 points and get a free man.



Me and my brother here, always wondered why they called a game with a gorilla, Donkey Kong, until he played it non-stop for 18 hours.



Sir, I'm afraid our new weaponry is so sophisticated that the only qualified people to use them are kids from the video arcades.

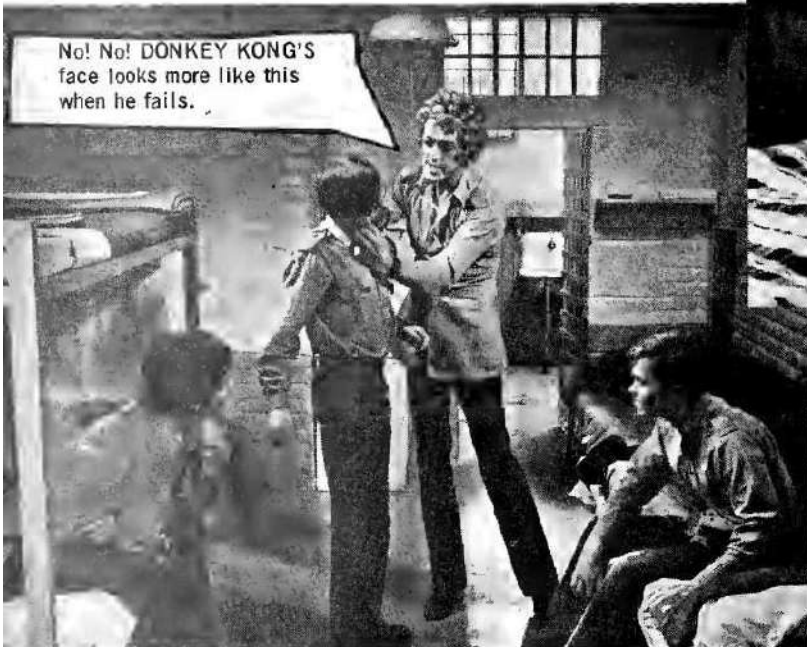


I'm telling you, Helen . . . these video games nowadays are so realistic . . . it's truly incredible!



I told you it was a dump. All they had was pinball and billiards.

And God bless Momma, Daddy, Little Eartha, my dog Fluffy and may I beat the heck out of George Needlebaum in DEFENDER tomorrow.



No! No! DONKEY KONG'S face looks more like this when he fails.



My last quarter. Should I buy food play ASTEROIDS. It's so hard to decide.



Why can't we play with your Atari?

Because my mom says they haven't invented it yet. It's only 1936.



Oh Frank, isn't it wonderful! Mom says even though she hates your guts, she'll still allow me to keep the video game you gave me as an engagement present!



I'm telling you, it's my turn to use the Intellivision tonight.

No, it's my turn!



This home version of Defender is great! This is the biggest screen I've ever seen!!



You're a goner now, Mario!



Are you sure that's one of them new-fangled video things?

That's what the salesman told me.



Could I interest you in a game of Asteroids?



Now girls, was it one of these three guys you saw lay his cigarette on the game he was playing?



I'm telling you, Mr. Johnson, you can't write off your kid's video games on your income tax.



... and day in and day out, all I ever heard was, "Mom, gimme some more quarters, more quarters ... you got any more quarters ... I just couldn't take it any more, so I



As soon as you leave she goes to the computer and plays games all night !!



My mom will never know.
Now we can spend my haircut
money on video games.

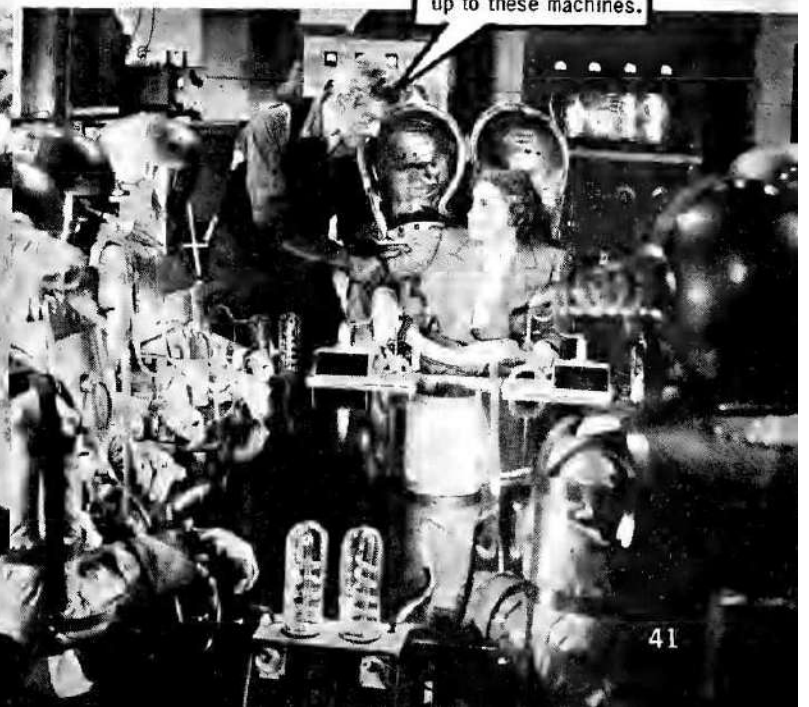
I'm just trying to recoup
my money so I'll have
enough to play Robotron
until I conquer it.



I don't care whose turn it
was on the game. If you
guys don't pay for the
furniture you broke, you're
coming downtown.



Just relax.
All our video game
designers get hooked
up to these machines.



BEWARE THE COIN GRABBER!! Surely you've met him. He's any of the dozens of those fancy bell-ringing, buzzer-sounding arcade games that you find in shopping centers all across the country. For some, they provide **SECONDS** of fun for only a quarter, while for most they're nothing but ... oh why tell you here when you can read about it now, as we take

A CRACKED LOOK



AT AN AMUSEMENT AREA



Excuse me, sir, but what are those kids doing here?

Our ball park isn't completed yet, so our little league team's come here to play their game!

BUNT, RUDY!! BUNT!!

HARRY! LOOK OUT! YOU'RE SPEEDING, HARRY! CAREFUL—THERE'S A CAR ON YOUR LEFT!—WATCH OUT FOR THE MAN ON YOUR RIGHT!!!

Mildred, do you have to back seat drive even here?

What's that man doing locked inside that machine?

That's the "JUDGE AND JURY" game and he was found guilty!

Those guys really get into air hockey, don't they?

Gentlemen! You're supposed to be aiming at the targets; not each other!!

I just put in 25¢ to learn my financial aptitude from this machine.

And what'd it tell you?

"Only a foolish spender would waste a quarter to get advice from a dummy!"

There's only one way to come out ahead of these machines.

How's that?

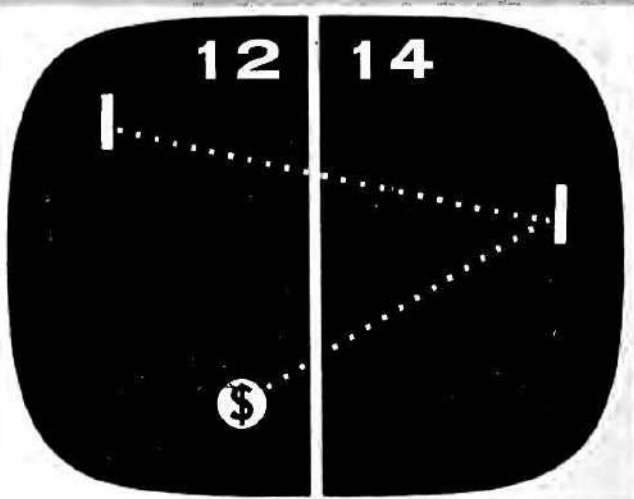
By dropping the quarter into your pocket instead of into the slot!

Not since King Kong planted his size '500' hoofs on our shores has anything hit this country with the impact of video games. CRACKED predicts there will be no end to this electronic craze. So brace yourselves for the countless variations to come, like these . . .

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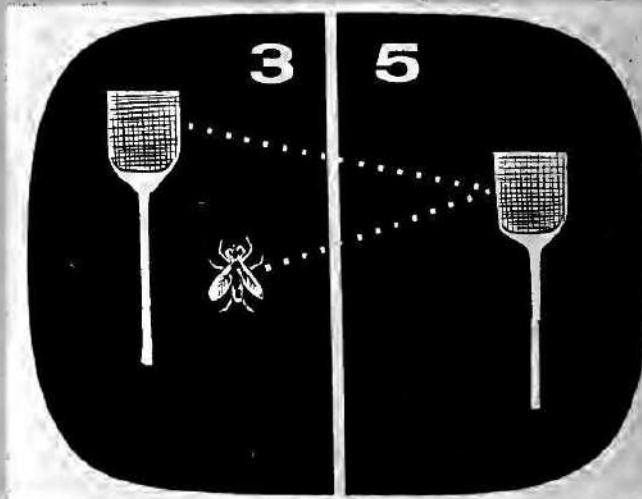
WE'LL SOON

PASSING THE BUCK



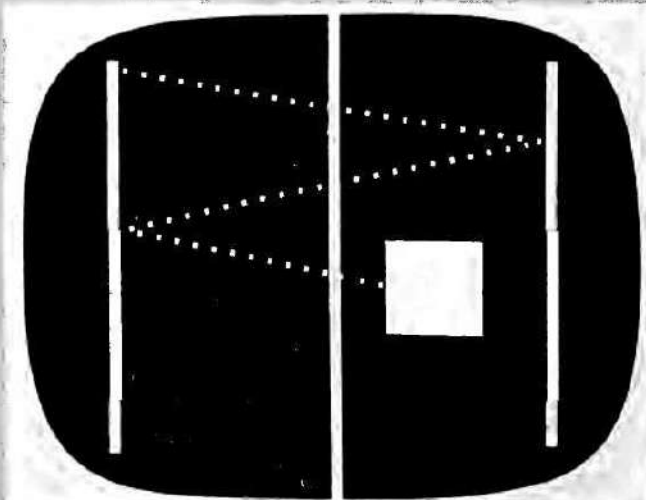
Bureaucrats and politicians take to this game the way a duck takes to water.

SWAT



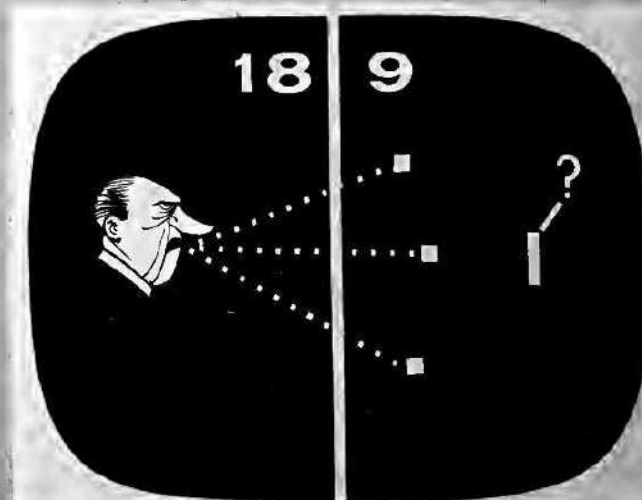
This game offers fly swatters a chance to sharpen their aim. In place of fly, players may substitute a picture of their boss, mother-in-law, or Howard Cosell.

LAZY-BOY TENNIS



The perfect game for those who are too tired to have their skills and reflexes tested.

WATERGATE

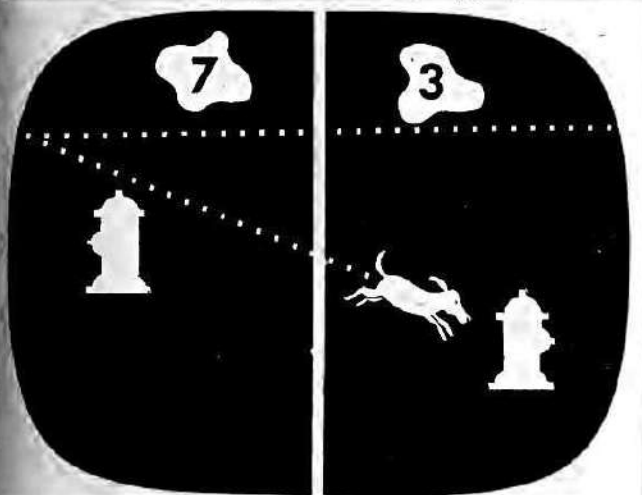


Two of the three dots that pop out of Nixon's mouth are cover-ups. Opposing player must intercept the one he thinks is the truth.

CRACKED is believing that stereo is not for one track minds!

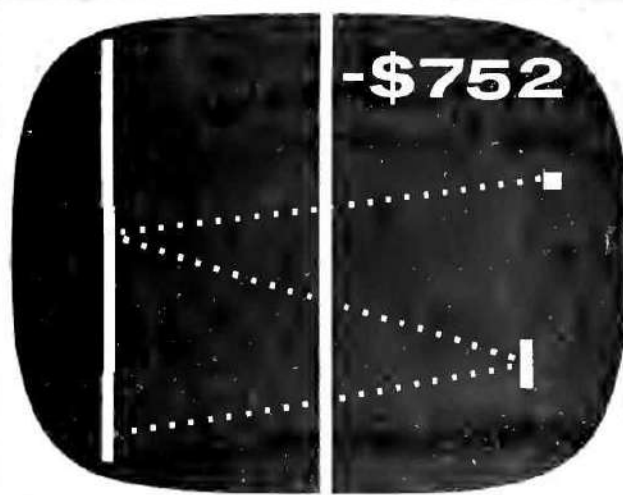
GAMES BESEEKING

CURB YOUR PET



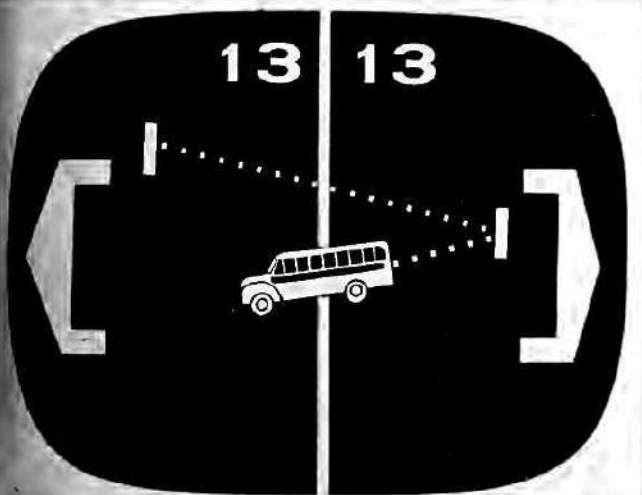
This game operates on a reverse principle—both players try to avoid getting “hit” by errant dog.

I.R.S. VS. TAXPAYER



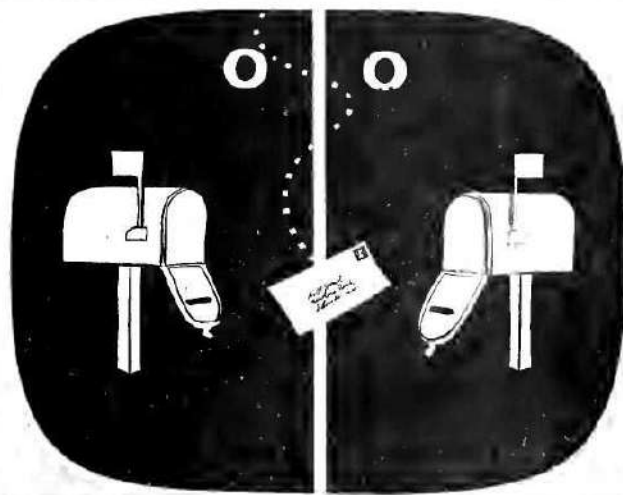
In this realistic game the taxpayer has about as much chance against the Internal Revenue Service as he would have in real life.

THE BOSTON BOUNCE



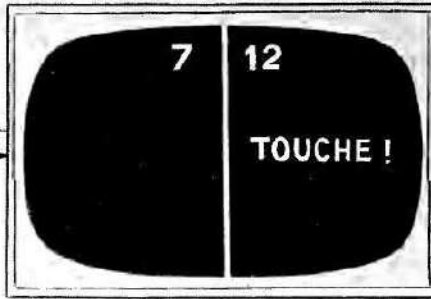
Stubborn defenders try to keep integrated bus from landing at their school. The real losers in this game are the kids in both schools.

MAIL SERVICE



Players try to capture tricky, bouncing letter. Like its real-life counterpart, this game may go on for weeks before the letter finds its way into a mailbox.

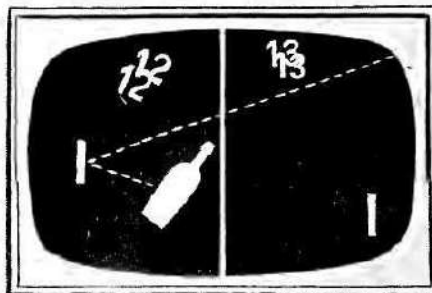
REPARTEE—THE IDEAL GAME FOR MARRIED COUPLES



Points are scored by the spouse making the sharpest barbs. Contest ends when one of the players reaches 15 points, or when wife heaves set at hubby's head.



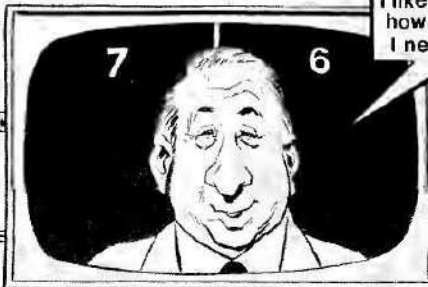
LUSHO—THE PERFECT CONTEST FOR DEAN MARTIN TYPES



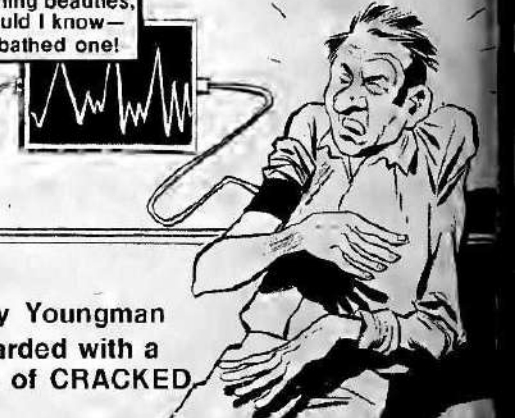
Everytime a player hits the bottle he is rewarded with a real drink. No one loses at this game—at least not until the morning after.



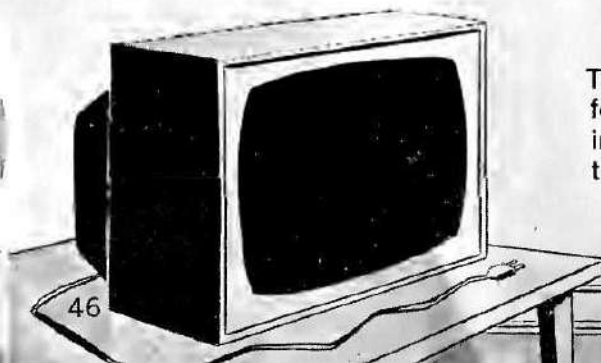
GORNO



The player who flinches the least at a Henny Youngman joke wins the point. The game winner is rewarded with a copy of CRACKED. The loser gets two copies of CRACKED.



BLACKOUT



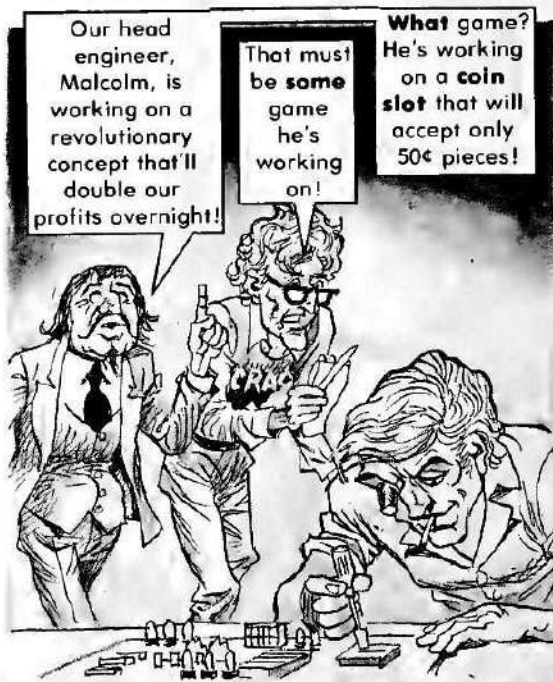
The inoperative video game for couples who have more important things to do with their time.



The video game craze is sweeping the nation... of all its quarters. To find out more about this mad, mystifying mania we sent our CRACKED reporter to do...

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE VIDEO GAME KING





This simulated race car actually catches on fire in mid-race!

Catches on fire?!

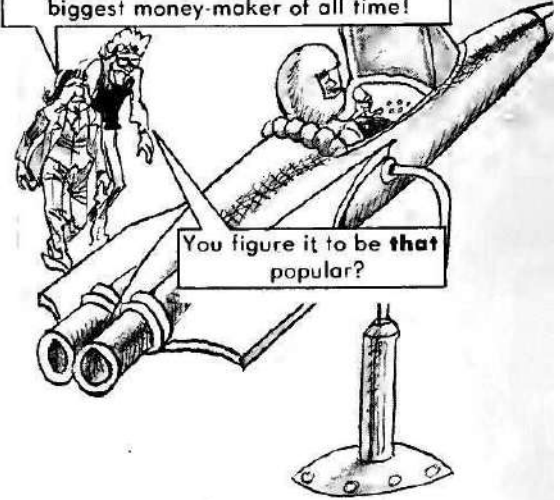


But not to worry, it comes with a **fire extinguisher** that'll put out most of the fires.



And over here we're working on a fantastic new space game that will actually rotate in mid-air and give the player a near-perfect simulation of actual space combat. We anticipate it to become the biggest money-maker of all time!

You figure it to be **that** popular?



No! We figure it to **shake out** all the **quarters** of the persons playing it!



And over here we're still ironing out the bugs on what figures to be the ultimate video game!

The **ultimate** video game?

Step into this glass booth and I'll give you a free demonstration!



This booth is designed to rearrange the molecular structure of the player so as to transform him into...



...an **electronic** blip!

ULTIMO

What the? ...What's going on? What am I doing on this screen?

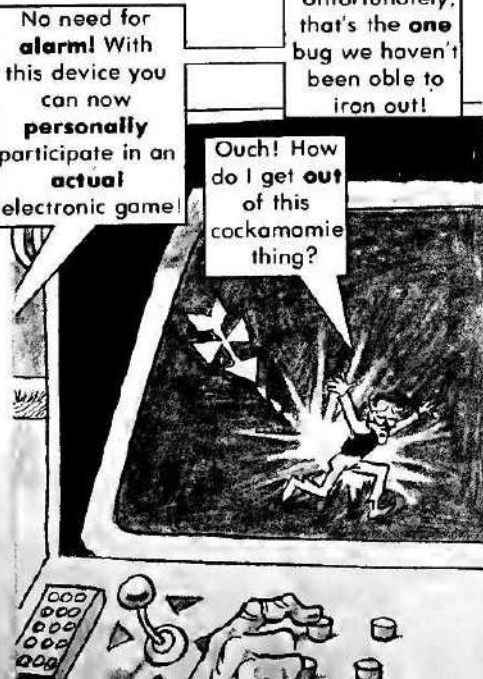
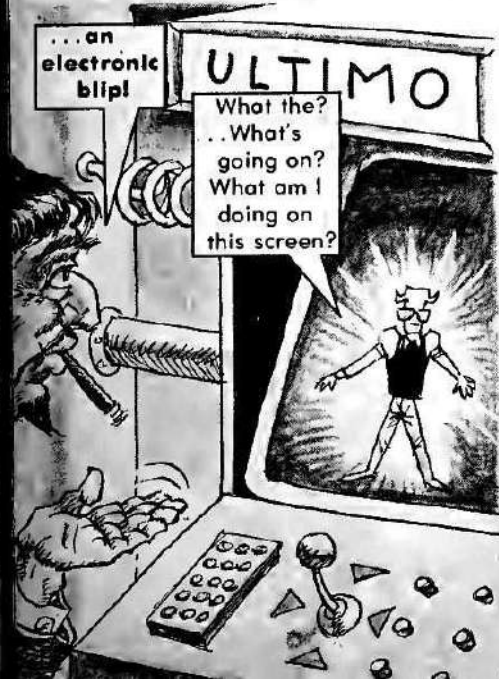
No need for **alarm!** With this device you can now **personally** participate in an **actual** electronic game!

Ouch! How do I get out of this cockamamie thing?

Unfortunately, that's the **one** bug we haven't been able to iron out!

Suddenly I feel so exhausted... so drained... so tired.

That's noturol. Here! Sip on this **battery** while I send my staff back to the drawing board!



THE CRACKED VIDEO IRON-ON

What's a VIDIOT? A Video Idiot, of course! You qualify as a VIDIOT if:

- a) You know your high score on all the video games you've played!
- b) The deciding factor in where to go for lunch, is not the food choices but the video games choices!
- c) The strongest muscle in your body is on your index finger!
- d) When making a purchase, you'd rather break a dollar bill than pay with your quarters!
- e) You think this free iron-on is the greatest!

FABRICS TO USE

This iron-on will work best if transferred on fabric made of 100% polyester. A polyester blend fabric will work and so will 100% cotton, but the design may fade after a few washings. Don't use fabrics that are heavily napped (like corduroy or terry cloth). The fabric should be smooth, but without a shiny surface. Of course, use light colored material so the iron-on will show up.

DIRECTIONS

1. Cover ironing board with piece of cloth to avoid staining.
2. Place the T-shirt, or whatever garment you want to decorate on the ironing board. Make sure the garment is lying flat.
3. Remove iron-on from book and place FACE DOWN on the garment. Pin or tape it in place.
4. Cover iron-on with a sheet of light weight paper.
5. Use a DRY iron, set at WOOL temperature. Apply iron, pressing down and moving back and forth slowly over the design for about 60 seconds. IF YOU ARE ONE OF OUR YOUNGER READERS, HAVE AN ADULT HELP!

And there you have it!

This iron-on can be used more than once. Use the same method, but iron for a longer time.

*THIS IS YOUR **FREE** IRON-ON !*

I'M A VIDIOT

LET'S PLAY !

INSERT — 25¢

*PUT THIS SIDE AGAINST MATERIAL!
SEE PAGE 50 FOR INSTRUCTIONS.*

*THIS IS YOUR **FREE** IRON-ON !*

**I'M A VIDUOT
LET'S PLAY !**

INSERT  25¢

*MAKE YOUR OWN
T-SHIRT !*